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TAGS: CI, SHUM, UNHRC

SUBJECT:CHILE - UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 6503 (B) USUN 2743 (C) USUN 2276

(POUCHED GENEVA PER USUN 2472)

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE WORKING GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE AS REPORTED REF B MAY BE SIGN THAT POSITIONS OF THE GOC AND THE WORKING GROUP ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THE LATTER'S VISIT TO CHILE HAS GROWN INTO COMPLETE NON-ACCOMMODATION.

2. WHILE THE TALKS HELD AT UN HEADQUARTERS MAY 17-25 WERE
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INCONCLUSIVE, WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN ALLANA ON MAY 26

(REF C) STRESSED THAT WORKING GROUP AND CHILEANS ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION AND THAT THEY STILL HOPED TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE PLAN OF THE WORKING GROUP TO SPEND FROM 12 THROUGH 22 JULY IN MEXICO TAKING TESTIMONY FROM CHILEAN RESIDENTS THERE AND THEN TO MEET FOR ONLY TWO DAYS, 25 AND 26 JULY, WITH GOC REPRESENTATIVES, GREATLY INCREASES RISK OF A BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT AMBASSADOR URGENTLY SEEK MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN ALLANA TO DISCUSS WITH HIM OUR THINKING AS FOLLOWS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT CHANCES FOR ACHIEVING AGREEMENT WHICH ALLANA AND USG BOTH HOPE FOR WOULD BE MOST FAVORABLY AFFECTED IF WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET WITH GOC REPRESENTATIVES SOONER THAN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED AND TO ACCORD MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE WORKING GROUP NOT TO DECIDE ON VISIT TO MEXICO UNTIL AFTER HAVING MET WITH THE GOC REPRESENTATIVES. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT BEST CHANCE FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF WORKING GROUP'S MANDATE AS LAID DOWN BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION THAT PRIORITY ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WERE SUSPENDED ON MAY 25. WORKING GROUP'S ACTIVITIES IN TIME REMAINING BEFORE PREPARATION OF ITS REPORT TO 31ST UNGA HINGE UPON WORKING RELATIONSHIP IT CAN ESTABLISH WITH GOC, ESPECIALLY ON POSSIBILITIES FOR AGREEMENT ON VISIT TO CHILE. WE THEREFORE URGE CHAIRMAN ALLANA TO SCHEDULE MEETING WITH GOC AUTHORITIES AS NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

4. IF CHAIRMAN ALLANA NOT YET IN GENEVA, AMBASSADOR SHOULD INFORM DIRECTOR UN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION SCHREIBER OF SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE AND REQUEST HE URGENTLY INFORM ALLANA OF YOUR DESIRE TO MEET WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN GENEVA.

5. INFORM DEPARTMENT URGENTLY OF RESULTS OF YOUR APPROACH.
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